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**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
FOR
CLARK COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DEFENSE REPRESENTATION OF PARENTS
IN DEPENDENCY AND TERMINATION CASES**

TO: Clark County Attorneys

FROM: Joanne Moore, Director

RE: Release of Request for Proposal for
Clark County Superior Court Defense Representation of Parents in
Dependency and Termination Cases

BACKGROUND: Recognizing the state's obligation to provide adequate representation to parents in dependency and termination cases, the legislature has appropriated funds to the Washington State Office of Public Defense for the purpose of representation of parents in dependency and termination proceedings. This RFP is for an expansion of OPD's Parents Representation Program, first established in 2000, which provides enhanced dependency and termination defense services in juvenile courts. Additional information on OPD's Parents Representation Program is available at: www.opd.wa.gov.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this RFP is to invite proposals for up to 2.5 FTE attorney positions. These positions may be filled by full time attorneys or a combination of full time and part time attorneys. The caseload for each full time attorney will be 80 cases. Successful applicants will be required to provide representation for indigent parents, legal custodians, and guardians in accordance with defense representation standards adopted for the Parents Representation Program and to satisfy time and activity documentation requirements of the program.

TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE RFP: The RFP is posted at OPD's website – <http://www.opd.wa.gov/RFP.htm>. You may also email or phone Candace Martin at opd@opd.wa.gov or (360) 586-3164 ext. 100.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: September 28, 2006
